

find that their hidden works of darkness will not avail them when the Lord feels after them, and when His condemnation rests upon them; they will find this out to their everlasting sorrow. Men who are guilty of these practices, and who seek to lead away the unwary, and to prey upon the ignorant and unsophisticated, and to take advantage of their fears, and instil superstition into the mind, cannot escape condemnation. These methods are not of God, and beware of them, all of you, and tell all your friends that it is sinful in the sight of God to yield to such influences. Pray, rather, to the Father, in the name of Jesus, to let His angels be around

about you, to let His power encircle you, to let His Spirit be in your hearts and in your habitations, and rest down upon your little ones, and be of strong faith, and say, like Job, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." Yes, that righteous man, though God should slay him, yet he would not fail to trust Him to the uttermost.

Let these truths rest upon your minds and be not forgotten, and let us seek as a people to have the gifts and power and blessings of our Father and God resting upon us continually. I pray God for this blessing to be with you always, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**THE GATHERING—OUR TERRITORIAL CONDITION AND ORGANIZATION—THE ETERNAL NATURE OF OUR COVENANTS—THE LAW OF ANCIENT ISRAEL, WHICH REQUIRED A MAN TO MARRY HIS BROTHER'S WIDOW—SETTLEMENT OF THE DIFFICULTY CONNECTED WITH THE UTAH LAKE AND JORDAN RIVER DAM—THE FLOOD—THE LORD WILL SUSTAIN AND UPHOLD US—WE MUST NOT ASSOCIATE WITH THE WICKED.**

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I am pleased to have an opportunity of meeting with you in your conference, and of talking with you

on some principles associated with the Gospel of the Son of God, in which we, all of us, are more or less